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Applicant(s)

VAN GESTEL ET AL.

Examiner

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THE REPLY FILED FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) ☐ The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) ☒ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection. ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. ☐ A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. ☒ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
- (a) ☐ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
- (b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
- (c) ☒ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
- (d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: See Continuation Sheet.

3. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
4. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. ☐ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☐ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: _____.
6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. ☒ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☒ will not be entered or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:


Claim(s) allowed: _____.

Claim(s) objected to: _____.

Claim(s) rejected: 1,3-6,8-16.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

8. ☐ The drawing correction filed on _____ is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.
10. ☐ Other: _____


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Continuation of 2. NOTE: With regards to applicant's arguments, Applicant argues where Shojima et al do not select a display font base on a comparison of handwritten characters with characters in each of a plurality of fonts. Examiner, respectfully, disagrees. Shojima et al in the abstract, disclose a handwritten character recognition apparatus with a personal dictionary preparation function that has a character recognition unit for comparing an input handwritten character with a standard font directory to recognize similar character pattern and a display unit for selecting and displaying a display font corresponding to the recognized character. Shojima et al disclose in col. 4, lines 25-26, where a recognition step is carried out by a pattern matching method. This clearly shows the limitations set forth by the Applicant's application.

Applicant argues in the response where the font is one of a plurality of standard fonts available such as Casual, Hyena, and Comic sans MS. Applicant discloses in the claim limitations "display font" which is broadly interpreted to mean any font that can be displayed on a display. The prior art Shojima discloses standard fonts which can be interpreted to mean any one of Casual, Hyena, and Comic sans MS as these are standard fonts as disclosed by the applicant.

Shojima et al fail to disclose a creation unit. Cok discloses a creation unit in Figs. 4-6, col. 4, lines 53-col. 5, lines 10. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to incorporate the creation unit of Cok into that of Shojima et al as Shojima et al disclose a personal font directory which can be used to store personal fonts. This personal directory of Shojima et al with the creation unit is advantageous as it allows the user to create and utilize a unique font based on certain handwritten characteristics. The combination of Shojima et al and Cok disclose each limitation as is set forth by the applicant's application..